

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[00029] A method of forming a female fastener including rolling a body portion strip having a midportion and flange portions on opposed sides of the midportion, piercing spaced openings through the midportion, cutting the strip to
5 length between the openings, cold forming a separate generally cylindrical pilot portion having a length greater than the width of the midportion and a diameter greater than the opening through the midportion, preferably including radial splines, and press fitting the pilot portion through the opening in the midportion. The self-attaching female fastener thus includes a rectangular body portion and a generally
10 cylindrical pilot portion having an end face spaced above a plane of the midportion and may be formed of a harder metal than the body portion.